House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5146–5154; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106; H. Con. Res. 442–444, and H. Res. 490–491, were introduced.

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 521, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam (H. Rept. 107–584);

H. Res. 488, providing for consideration of H.R. 5120, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 107–585); and

H. Res. 489, providing for consideration of H.R. 5121, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 107–586).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4769

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. T. Brannon Bowman, Pastor, Monroeville Presbyterian Church of Monroeville, Alabama.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, July 16 by a yea-and-nay vote of 361 yeas to 50 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 309.

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Interior Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 5093, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 by a yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 46 nays, Roll No. 318. The bill was also considered on July 16.

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Agreed To:

Slaughter amendment that increases funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$5 million and increases funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$10 million and decreases Department of the Interior Departmental Management Salaries and Expenses funding accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 310);

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Rahall amendment that sought to strike provisions limiting the historical accounting of each Individual Indian Money Account open on December 31, 2000, to the period from the date on which the account was opened or January 1, 1985, whichever is

later, to December 31, 2000 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 281 ayes to 144 noes, Roll No. 311);

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Hayworth amendment No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that strikes section 141 dealing with the establishment of a Commission on Native American Policy (agreed to by a recorded vote of 273 ayes to 151 noes, Roll No. 312);

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Hoeffel amendment No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that increases funding for the National Forest Service grazing management account by \$5 million;

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Sanders amendment No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 that increases the Energy Conservation Energy Star Program by \$3 million and decreases salaries and expense funding accordingly;

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Capps amendment No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 that prohibits the exploration, development, or production plans or applications for permits to drill or to permit drilling on specified Outer Continental Shelf Southern California Planning Area leases (agreed to by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 315); and

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Norton amendment that prohibits any funding for the planning, design, or construction of improvements to Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House without the advance approval of the Committee on Appropriations. Pages H4850-51

Rejected:

Tancredo amendment No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that sought to increase funding for the National Forest Service by \$50 million and decrease funding for the National Endowment for the Arts accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 314);

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Blumenauer amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 that sought to prohibit new commercial leases on the Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges in Oregon and California that permit the growing of row crops or alfalfa (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 316); and

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Shadegg amendment that sought to increase Bureau of Land Management funding for Wildland Fire Management by \$23 million and decrease Bureau of Land M funding for Land Acquisition by \$36 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 317).

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Points of Order Sustained Against:

Shadegg amendment that sought to allow Regional Foresters to exempt projects involving the removal of trees from the applicability of the citizen suit authority contained in the Endangered Species Act on the basis that a wildfire is likely to cause harm to the forest ecosystem and destroy human life and dwellings.

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Dicks amendment that sought to provide funding to acquire lands or waters within the Everglades watershed; and Pages H4855-56

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to entities not specifically identified by name as recipients in the Act.

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H. Res. 483, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 16.

Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3763, to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Oxley and Representatives Baker, Royce, Ney, Kelly, Cox, LaFalce, Frank, Kanjorski, and Waters. Provided that Representative Shows is appointed in lieu of Representative Waters for consideration of section 11 of the House bill and section 305 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference. Pages H4838-47

Appointed as conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 306 and 904 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Boehner and Representatives Sam Johnson of Texas and George Miller of California.

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Appointed as conferees from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 108 and 109 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Tauzin and Representatives Greenwood and Dingell.

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Appointed as conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 105 and titles 8 and 9 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Smith of Texas and Conyers.

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Appointed as conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 109 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Thomas and Representatives McCrery and Rangel.

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Rejected the Conyers motion to instruct conferees to recede from disagreement with the Senate positions relating to document retention, extension of the statute of limitations, whistleblower protection, and sentencing enhancements by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 313.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Maloney of Connecticut moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 456, providing for consideration of H.R. 3884, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent corporations from avoiding the United States income tax by reincorporating in a foreign country.

Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 p.m. and reconvened at 10:53 p.m. **Page H4870**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H4873.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4772–73, H4815–16, H4816–17, H4817, H4846–47, H4847–48, H4848, H4848–49, H4857–58, and H4859. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SPORTS AGENT RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUST ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee, as amended, H.R. 4701, Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act.

HARMING PATIENT ACCESS TO CARE: IMPACT OF EXCESSIVE LITIGATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on "Harming Patient Access to Care: The Impact of Excessive Litigation." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.